(c) if so, the present position of the case;

(d) whether any other monument is also proposed to be conferred the above status; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Indian Railways as State Party has applied for inscription of Nilgiri Mountain Railway as a Serial Nomination to Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, as a World Heritage site.

(b) and (c) An UNESCO expert had visited Nilgiri Mountain Railway during 27th and 28th September, 2004 for inspection of the property with respect to the nomination application filed by Indian Railways. He will submit his recommendation directly to UNESCO. The contents of his recommendation are not known.

(d) and (e) Nomination dossiers for Shri Hariminder Sahib, Amritsar; and Majuli Island in Assam have been submitted to the World Heritage Centre for consideration of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

NEC projects in Tripura

1036. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the NEC projects in Tripura in respect of industry;

(b) what are the schemes undertaken by NEC for development of Tea Processing factory of Leelagarh Cha Bagan Sramik Samabaya Samiti Ltd., Durgabari Tea Estate Workers Cooperative Society Ltd. and Bamboo development for socio-economic upliftment of the rural people; and

(c) the details of the programmes and achievements, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) The status of NEC Projects in Tripura in respect of industries is enclosed in the Statement (See below).

(b) The NEC has funded Tea Processing in Leelagarh Cha Bagan Sramik Samabay Samiti Limited at a cost of Rs. 32.37 Lac and Durgabari Tea Estate Workers Cooperative Society Limited at a cost of Rs. 25 Lac, It is funding Bamboo development for socio-economic upliftment of rural people at a cost of Rs. 3.435 Crore.

(c) The schemes in respect of Tea Processing are complete. The Bamboo Project is ongoing and so far NEC has released Rs. 161.75 Lac.

STATUS OF INDUSTRY PROJECTS UNDER NEC PLAN IN TRIPURA

SI. No.	Tripura	Estimated Cost. (Rs.in Lac.)	Amount Released (Rs. in Lac.)	Remarks
1	Setting up Latex Centrefuging Factory & Crepe Mill at Tripura by TFDPC Ltd.	153.00	153.00	Project completed
2	Setting up of Process-cum-product Development Centre for Rubber Industry by TFDPC Ltd.	126.00	126.00	Project completed
3	Setting up of a Factory for Commercial Utilization of Rubber wood by TFDPC Ltd.	225.00	225.00	Project completed.
4	Setting up a Tea Factory at Mayachari - M/s Dhalal Tea Processing Cooperative Society Ltd. Mayachari, P.O. Ramdhuriapur, Kamalpur, Tripura	50.00	50.00	Project completed
5	Setting up a Tea Factory at Durgabari Tea Estatre -M/s Durgabari Tea Estate workers Cooperative Society Ltd P.O. Tebarla, Agartala, Tripura	25.00	25.00	Project completed
6	Setting up a Tea Factory at Leelagarh Tea Estate - Leelagarh Cha Bagan Sramik Samabaya Samity Ltd. Leelagarh Cha Bagan P.O. Bijoynagar Sabroom S. Tripura	32.37	32.37	Project completed
7	Setting up of a manufacturing Unit for Sweet meat and Madi Boxed, Flap Files, File Covers, Envelopes, Registers and Exercise Books by M/s Raajmahal Dhaleswar Road, Agartala, Tripura	1.85	0.18	Ongoing

SI. No	Tripura	Estimated Cost. (Rs.in Lac.)	Amount Released (Rs. in Lac.)	Remarks
8	Manufacturing of Mechanized System for bread and other confectionery products unit by M/s Swastic Food Product, Agartala, Triprua	80.74	20.18	Ongoing
9	Bamboo Development for Socio-Economic upliftment of Rural Poor through community based approach in Tripura	343.50	161.75	Ongoing

Source: NEC Secretariat, Shillong.

Fund for development of NER

1037. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government during the last three years for the development of the North-Eastem Region;

(b) the amount actually released to various States of the Region during these years; and

(c) the details of the amount actually spent through various schemes during these years by the respective State Governments, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region sanctions and funds projects in the North Eastern Region through Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). In addition, North Eastern Council (NEC) also sanctions and funds development projects in the Region. During the last three years the Government has sanctioned Rs. 1591.57 crore under NLCPR and NEC has sanctioned Rs. 1368.30 crore during the same period.

(b) The amount actually released to various North Eastern States was Rs. 1591.57 crore under NLCPR and Rs. 733.233 crore has been released by NEC to various States. This is in addition to the amount of funds released to various organiszations.